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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with applicant's duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

The applicant and others substantively involved in the preparation of the application are aware of the following patents, publications, and/or other

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information.

The following patents, publications, and/or other information were previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. 08/614,158, filed March 8, 1996, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §198 (d), copies of these references are not enclosed.

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The following patents were cited in related application Serial No. 08/693,345, filed August 6, 1996. Copies of these patents are enclosed.

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Additional discussion of prior art may appear in the "Background of the Invention" section of the present application which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Applicant reserves the right to show, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.131 or otherwise, that any one or more of the above-listed documents are not prior art to the present invention.

The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by the applicant and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under 37 CFR § 1.56.

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, applicant requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate).

Respectfully submitted,

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